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3 rescued from Galveston Bay

HOUSTON (AP) — Boaters rescued three people from Galveston Bay on Saturday, including a man airlifted to a hospital in critical condition, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The critically injured man and a woman were apparently swimming when their boat drifted away from them, Coast Guard petty officer Mario Romero said.

Romero didn't have details on the man's injuries, but said the boaters who rescued him tried resuscitation. He was taken to the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

A second woman who remained on that boat was later found by another boater, the Coast Guard said. She and the other woman were taken to a port in Kemah and were reported OK.

No names were released

NATION

Rice's comments cast doubt on compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will not support a war spending bill that punishes the Iraqi government for failing to meet benchmarks for progress, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Sunday.

Rice's comments cast fresh doubt on a potential compromise between the Democratic-led Congress and the White House in getting money to U.S. troops.

WORLD

Iran agrees to attend regional conference

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iran agreed Sunday to attend a major regional conference on Iraq set for this week in Egypt — a major break as Iraq seeks support from its neighbors in quelling its sectarian violence.

The meeting, which will include both Iran's foreign ministry and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, raised the possibility of a rare direct encounter between high-level U.S. and Iranian officials.

DEATH TOLL

3346

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Explosion kills 63; 9 American deaths

By KIM GAMEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide car bomb exploded Saturday in the Shiite holy city of Karbala as the streets were packed with people heading for evening prayers, killing at least 63 and wounding scores near some of the country's most sacred shrines. Separately, the U.S. mili-

tary announced the deaths of nine American troops, including three killed Saturday in a single roadside bombing outside Baghdad.

With black smoke clogging the skies above Karbala, angry crowds hurled stones at police and later stormed the provincial governor's house, accusing authorities of failing to protect them from the unrelenting bombings usually blamed on

Sunni insurgents. It was the second car bomb to strike the city's central area in two weeks.

Near the blast site, survivors frantically searched for missing relatives. Iraqi television showed one man carrying the charred body of a small girl above his head as he ran down the street while ambulances rushed to retrieve the wounded and firefighters sprayed water at fires

in the wreckage, leaving pools of bloody water.

The Americans killed in Iraq included five who died in fighting Friday in Anbar province, three killed when a roadside bomb struck their patrol southeast of Baghdad and one killed in a separate roadside bombing south of the capital.

The deaths raised to 99 the number of members of the U.S.

military who have died this month and at least 3,346 who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The blast took place about 7 p.m. in a crowded commercial area near the shrines of Imam Abbas and Imam Hussein, major Shiite saints.

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KEEPING TECH GREEN



Arbor Day brings Tech campus together

By HALEY DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students and faculty members had one thing in common Friday — a green thumb.

Students and faculty members from Greek, service, multicultural and departmental organizations were lending a hand to plant tulips, trees and flowers around Tech's campus for Arbor Day.

The day's festivities kicked off with the band Poor Boy Music, or PBM, at noon in Memorial Circle.

Nate Castle, lead singer of the band, said the "rock with a horn section" group began their Texas tour in Lubbock.

"We've had a great time," Castle said. "We got in here about an hour ago and everyone's been real nice and hospitable."

Following the band's performance, there was a short presentation to honor various student organizations for their accomplishments.

Free food and T-shirts were highlights for many Tech students, including one freshman from Dallas.

"The food is delicious, but it's also very nutritious," said Ernest Wilson, an English major.

Wilson said he liked the fact Arbor Day is a celebration on the Tech campus.

"Tech is rich in tradition," he said, "and this is just another one of the beautiful traditions that we have to bring our student body closer together."

The La Ventana crew was active in Memorial Circle, selling the new 2007 Tech yearbooks.

Ashley Hillen, a sophomore pharmacy major from Eula, said along with the free hot dogs and chips, she enjoyed the community aspect of Arbor Day.

"I think it's neat how a lot of people have come out and actually are supporting it and enjoying it and having fun," Hillen said.

According to Tech's Web site, www.ttu.edu, the tradition of planting trees and flowers on campus began in 1937 when Tech President Bradford Knapp decided to dedicate one day in the spring to decorate Tech's landscape. On the first day of this annual tradition, 20,000 trees were planted on Tech's campus.

Avnee Bhakta said she enjoyed beautifying Tech's campus this spring season.

"I actually like it," the sophomore from Post said. "I'm with an organization and each organization — they can sign up and you can plant — so it's really fun."

Raymond Baeza, a senior political science major from Hobbs, N.M., said along with the free music, food and T-shirts, his favorite part of the celebration was the nice day and free lemonade.

For graduate student Jeremy Boden, the main purpose of his

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JESSICA TORRION, A graduate agronomy student from the Philippines, plants shrubbery in the engineering key Friday as part of the Arbor Day celebration.

Group petitions to remove council members, save South Beach

By MAGGIE KIELY
STAFF WRITER

Several Lubbock residents are collecting signatures for petitions in an effort to recall two city council members.

The group members filed three separate petitions: one to recall councilwoman Linda DeLeon for District 1, one to recall councilman Floyd Price for District 2 and one to recall resolution 116, which was passed to purchase the South Beach Club and Lounge building.

Roger Settlers of Lubbock said he and the others filed the petition to have council members DeLeon and Price recalled in hopes of seeking out other candidates with more passion.

"This type of silence is not the type of passion that we need and that we deserve," Settlers said. "They need to have a passion for serving the people, they need to care what the public thinks because they are, after all, public servants."

Armando Gonzales, a graduate of Texas Tech and a Lubbock native, said the resolution the council members passed to purchase the South Beach Club and Lounge

triggered the petition.

"Price made the motion to buy the building, which is a minority building in the Depot (Entertainment) District," Gonzales said. "We believe that the minority council persons should have protected minority business, not just in the depot district but throughout their districts."

Gonzales said he believes both DeLeon and Price have been complacent and silent on a number of issues including police

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Apple Inc., Tech reach Web site agreement

By BEN MAKI
STAFF WRITER

Attending class may not be the most exciting part of college life, but missing a class may no longer mean scrambling to borrow a friend's notes.

Texas Tech and Apple Inc. announced an agreement Friday to create an interactive Web site for use by both students and faculty members called iTunes U at Texas Tech University, which has launched at itunes.ttu.edu.

Tech President Jon Whitmore said he believes the world of communication has changed in recent years and in order to stay on the cutting edge, this agreement was necessary.

"Apple was named (on April 20) as the most trusted brand among the members of generation Y," Whitmore said. "Beginning last year, it became apparent that Texas Tech needed to enter into a conversation with Apple about how we could merge our brands and help our students."

He said other Web sites Tech has utilized in the past are not as effective as they used to be.

"Electronic media is more important now than it ever has been before," Whitmore said. "Text and image-based Web sites are no longer as dynamic and

"Electronic media is more important now than it has ever been before."

— JON WHITMORE
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT

innovative and handy as they used to be before. YouTube, Facebook and Myspace are proof that our students

and potential students demand tools for producing their own content and social networks for sharing that content."

Whitmore said the agreement will assist the entire Tech community in sharing information.

"This is a partnership that will be useful for our academic programs as well as for our student services," Whitmore said. "We will now be able to host student-generated content, such as videos and podcasts. We will now distribute athletic videos in a different way. We will now host course lectures from our professors who choose to submit their work."

Examples of student-made content on the Web site include a story about how a football game is organized, including interviews with vendors, public address announcers and security personnel.

Mason Moses, president of the Student Government Association, said he anticipates students utilizing the Web site when they are feeling ill or have other issues that prevent them

from going to class.

"People get sick," Moses said. "People have things that happen, and this gives them a chance that, if they miss a lecture or if they miss something, they can go on here and look at it."

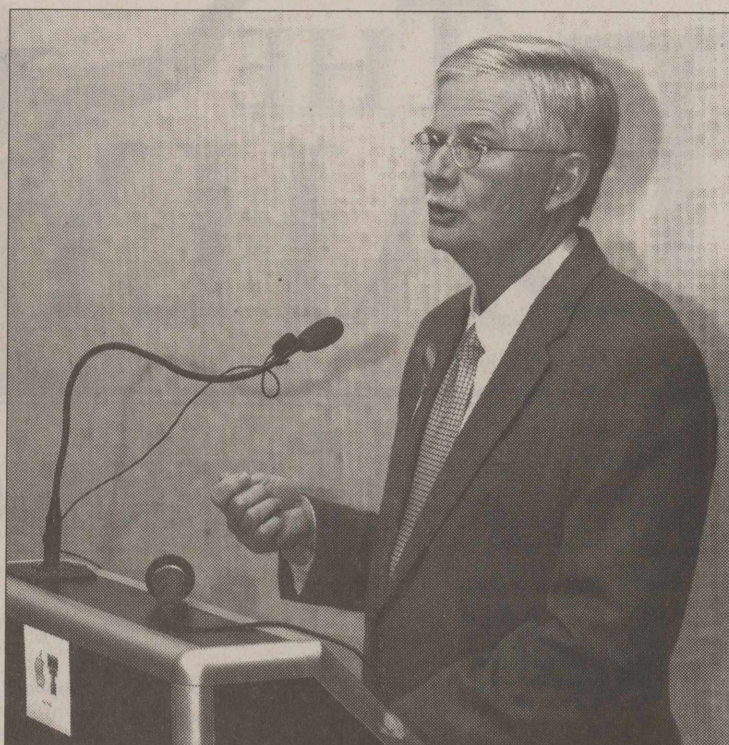
Whitmore said the Web site will eventually feature readings of authors and poets who are also faculty members and students.

iTunes U will be available for use on both computers and iPods.

The Tech University Library has made an agreement with Apple that will allow for 30 video iPods to be checked out from the library for use.

Jack Neinken, gulf states higher education regional manager for Apple Inc., said iTunes U began as an experiment at the University of California at Berkeley, Duke University and Michigan Dental School. The Web sites are now available for any university to create when they can come to an agreement with Apple Inc.

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TEXAS TECH PRESIDENT Jon Whitmore announces the university's agreement with iTunes University Friday in the Croslin room of the library.

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Tech professor involved in environmental site creation

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

A Texas Tech professor is involved with the new Earth Portal Web site unveiled Thursday in a press conference in Washington D.C.

Mark McGinley, an associate professor in Biological Sciences, is a member of the Stewardship Committee of the Environmental Information Coalition – the governing body for Earth Portal, according to the Web site <http://www.earthportal.org>.

"As I have mentioned a couple of times, I am involved in a project called Earth Portal," McGinley said in the April 19 issue of the weekly

Honors College newsletter. "The goal of the Earth Portal is to become the reliable source of information about the environment."

Earth Portal is the result of the global scientific community coming together to produce the first free, expert-driven information resource about the environment, according to a press release announcing the Web site's launch. Because Earth Portal's articles are written and reviewed by environmental specialists, it may be comparable to a peer-reviewed version of Wikipedia with articles and topics specifically about environmental issues.

"This site is a good alternative to

Wikipedia," said Christina Jones, a senior advertising major from Austin. "Instead of vague and often misinformed answers about scientific issues, this site works more like an encyclopedia. However, as with any good source of information on the Internet, its success is limited to how many people know about it and use it."

The Web site, which has been in development for the past two years, is comprised of three separate parts: the Encyclopedia of Earth, which contains more than 2,000 articles produced and reviewed by 700 scholars from 46 countries; the Earth Forum, which offers commentary from scholars and discussions

with the general public; and the Earth News, with news articles on environmental issues from various news sources.

"Some of the information is a little complex, but it's easy to get the main idea from the articles," Jones said. "There's an overview if you just want the basics, but then there is detailed information as well. If you are writing a paper, there is a list of peer-reviewed sources to give you more information."

Another part of the Web site allows users to post a question that will then be answered by scientists who specialize in the field related to the question.

"My favorite part of the Web site is the question and answer portion where anyone can ask a question, like, 'what's the deal with global warming?' and get a peer-reviewed answer," Jones said. "It's a great way to get well-informed answers about science questions that affect us every day."

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Questions to ask

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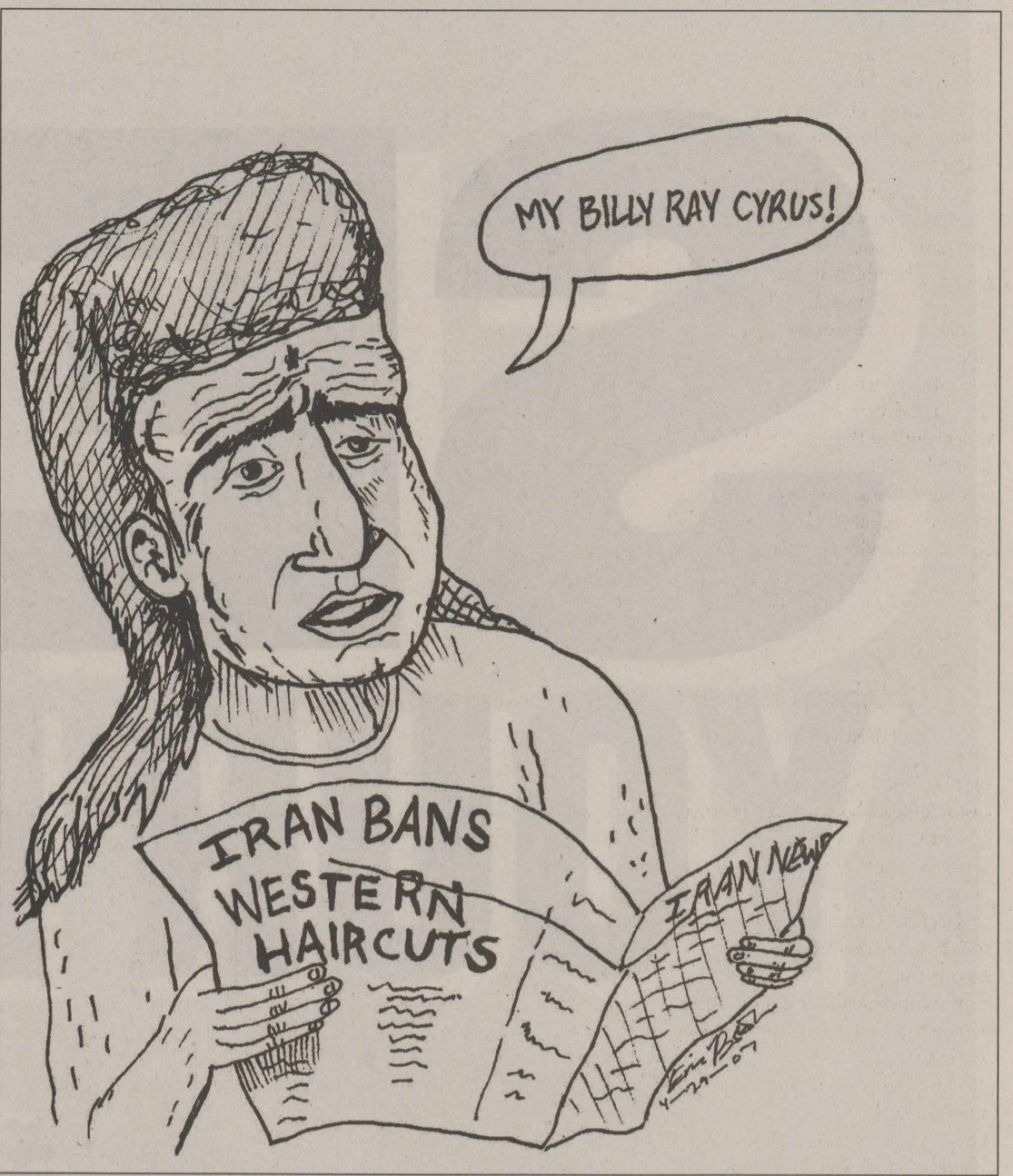


- Questions to ask yourself**
1. Who am I?
 2. Who would I like to be?
 3. Do I have a life purpose? Can it be known?
 4. What do I need to feel successful in life?
 5. What satisfies me?
 6. Will material wealth make me happy, or do I need something more?
 7. What do I want other people to think of me?
 8. What traits do I look for in a friend?
 9. Who could I not be friends with?
 10. Can I rely on others?
 11. To whom or what do I turn when in need? Of advice? Of comfort? Of guidance?
 12. Is it more important to take care of myself, or to take care of others?
 13. Do I define myself by my actions or my intentions?
 14. Do I believe aspects of my personality can be changed, or "that's just the way I am"?
 15. Do I try to change myself? Has it worked in the past?
 16. How do I try to grow as a person?
 17. Are my choices mostly determined by the past?
 18. Do I usually blame myself for problems, or is it someone else's fault?
 19. What am I proud of in my

- life?
20. Do I have many regrets in life?
 21. How do I overcome them?
 22. What circumstances make me hold a grudge?
 23. What does it take for me to forgive?
 24. Are my views independent and unbiased?
 25. What outside influences helped me form my (social, political, spiritual) views?
 26. When do I change my views?
 27. What am I naturally talented at?
 28. Is it better to spend my time developing my natural talents, or working on my weak spots?
 29. Am I mostly selfish or mostly selfless?
- Questions about the World**
30. Why is there evil in the world?
 31. Can right and wrong be defined, or is it always situational?
 32. Should people determine the rightness or wrongness of their own actions?
 33. Will there ever be peace on Earth?
 34. How would peace be accomplished?
 35. Are world problems caused by an evil minority, or do the majority of people make personal

- changes?
36. Are people mostly good or mostly bad?
 37. Does loving mankind mean accepting everything they do?
 38. Should people be more accepting of themselves, or challenge themselves more?
 39. Does each life have great meaning, or does it all die?
 40. Is life mostly run by chance, or is everything meant to be?
 41. Is the state of the world how it should be naturally, or is it meant to be better?
- Questions about religion**
42. Who is God, or what traits should a god have?
 43. What is mankind's relationship to God?
 44. Can people know God and His plan?
 45. Is there an ultimate truth?
 46. Can truth be known by mankind?
 47. What prompts faith? Is it only emotions?
 48. Does faith have to be blind?
 49. Is it better to be religious or spiritual, or something else?
 50. What is sin?
 51. Do all wrong-doings have consequences?
 52. Should religious beliefs be shared or kept personal?
 53. Should beliefs be developed in a community or personally?
 54. How can beliefs be shared without being forced?
 55. Do any of these questions have "right" answers?

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FCC spends too much time pleasing people

By **PAUL METZ**
DAILY NEWS (BALL STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind. — I have yet to understand what the hell it is that the Federal Communications Commission does. The FCC is charged with regulating all non-federal use of the broadcasting spectrum. The problem is that that spectrum is so wide, diverse and teeming with stuff, there's really no way to effectively regulate it. Consequently, the FCC stands around, getting in the way and impeding progress.

Next week, the FCC is giving a report to Congress regarding the censorship of violence on television. In this report, it will be giving a recommendation on how to address this problem. In effect, this gives the FCC virtually unlimited power with which to thwart the evil media empire that is spreading violent propaganda amongst our children. Even the FCC knows it's useless — it's asking Congress for permission to do its job.

The problem with the FCC is that it's trying to please everybody, which is not possible. You'd think that a branch of government would not be concerned with making people happy — it's not their strong suit. Look at other departments of the government, like the Environmental Protection Agency, which only tries to please liberal Californian hippies, or the Internal Revenue Service, which actively tries to displease absolutely everyone. But the FCC tries to cater to everyone, which is not the job of a government agency. The job of any government agency is to act in the best interest of the country and to uphold the principles outlined in the Constitution.

The FCC screws this concept up in that it acts more like a lobbyist or activist group than a fed-

eral agency. Remember when Janet Jackson's breast was exposed during the halftime of the Super Bowl and the FCC got its panties all in a bunch because children might have been exposed to one second of accidental broadcasted indecency? The FCC was the most vocal party involved in that whole incident, actually going so far as to take a moral stance on the issue. The FCC acted more like an outraged third-party interest group than the group that should have been in charge of the incident in the first place.

But now the FCC is attacking violent programming, which doesn't make a lot of sense either. Not 10 years ago, the FCC started to require certain televisions to be installed with a V-chip, a device that allows parents to block violent content. The problem is that nobody uses the V-chip, because violent programming on TV is the only programming worth watching. If you can't turn on the TV and see Magnum P.I. punch some Hawaiian drug lord in the face or see a documentary about gazelles getting ripped to shreds by crocodiles,

what's the point of watching? But the FCC maintains that the programming on television is too violent and that it is, in turn, making our children violent. But violence stems from things that people see in real life, not what they see on television. If a child grows up in a neighborhood filled with gang violence and is exposed to it every day, is it really television's fault if that same child goes out and acts violently?

Real life events shape us more than flickering images on a TV set ever could. Yet the FCC still wants to crack down on violence, citing that the incessant coverage of the Virginia Tech massacre is damaging to our children and that perhaps the lax restrictions concerning violent media might have influenced the gunman. This is the stupidity of the FCC again; it doesn't realize no normal child watches CNN all day.

And for the record, the Virginia Tech killings were caused by a disturbed individual who had a lot of real-life problems not caused by watching too many Yosemite Sam cartoons.

Less lights, vests, more common sense

By **DAVID SOLER**
DAILY KENT STATER (KENT STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio — Sadly, one of the things that will be remembered about the Virginia Tech shooting rampage is the useless reaction of police with its scores of SWAT teams running in a frenzy up and down with high-powered guns and useless M16s. The response looked pretty spectacular — ambulances, police cars, snipers. Everybody ready for combat!

But there was one problem: The combat was long gone.

It seems as if we are reaching a point where reality is begging for leaders in key civilian protective agencies (from FEMA or campus police) to have coup d'oeil. This is the ability to have a quick glance into a problematic situation with incomplete information and know how to react accordingly.

This need has been seen before on the battlefields of war, now it's required on the civilian ones. Napoleon is said to have had it, along with General Patton and Erwin Rommel.

Did Wendell Flinchum, head of Virginia Tech Police, have coup d'oeil? The failure to immediately

lockdown the campus shows us he likely did not. And more troubling, are the police and state active shooter protocols based on common sense? I say no to either!

Shooting sprees on educational facilities could be considered a unique battle scenario, and its law enforcement responses should be tailored accordingly.

For example, why can't a siren with a distinctive cadence be used to alert the entire campus of an ongoing shooting? If they are routinely used for tornado alerts, why not for shooting sprees?

Also, in order to minimize the chaos generated by the shooting itself, ambulances and police cars should rush in with special camouflage gear and without light and sound. Equally important, police and SWAT teams should be deployed heavily armed but wearing civilian clothes in order to maximize the alert to bystanders but not to the shooter himself.

The overall police response should be based on stealthiness and low-profile but relentless action. Clearly, we didn't see anything of this during the Virginia Tech killings; instead of using a simple pair

of pliers or a ramming stick to open Norris Hall's doors, police opened fire at the chains, prompting the shooter to commit suicide.

College shootings are tricky scenarios. One would wish to use brute force in order to quickly crush the SOB, but by using brute force, you are likely going to cause additional harm to innocent bystanders.

Moreover, one situation that will probably happen with future shootings and the present shooter protocols might not contemplate it, is what happens if someone seizes the shooter's gun and kills him or somebody else by accident? Are the police, in their seek-and-destroy gear going to realize the change, or is it something that simply doesn't matter at that point?

After what happened in Virginia, thinking about the next shooting on an educational battleground can seem too grim to talk about, but because the gun control debate isn't going to budge an inch in forbidding guns, and their deadly sprawling will keep hurting the United States, choosing coup d'oeil leaders and upgrading security defenses and protocols seem to be increasingly important.

Be mindful of what you put on the Internet

By **BENI YUNIS**
THE MIAMI HURRICANE (U.MIAMI)

(U-WIRE) CORAL GABLES, Fla. — I have seen columns and other writings about the Facebook and MySpace phenomena, but I must write because awareness of this is so crucial that it must be emphasized.

In conversation, it has come up that these sites are a nightmare about to explode. Facebook is so easy and comfortable. It is one of the easiest ways to communicate, network, and keep up with friends, share pictures and stories, events, ideas, etc. It is centralized and easy to use, but especially, it is private and secure. Right? I don't think so.

The minute we click "save" and that information or pictures are uploaded onto the internet site, we have lost control—literally, given it away. We signed away our rights to ownership of that information the second we sent it to the site. It doesn't matter how many times we put in passwords or change our privacy settings. Once it is online and anybody has access to it, it is no longer solely ours.

So many of us high school and

college students are jumping on the Facebook and MySpace bandwagon without thinking twice about it. We feel safe and protected because we decide what goes on there and because it is our site, our profile, our pictures. This illusion does not last long when we realize who has been looking at our profiles and going through our pictures.

If this doesn't convince you to be cautious about what goes on these networking sites, consider this. Facebook and MySpace are both extremely accessible to anybody on the internet. It is not an isolated environment, exempt from the eyes of those in the "real world."

Everything we post on Facebook is being looked at and the people looking at it are not people you may want to be looking. Don't kid yourselves, we are being observed. We represent our school, our jobs, our departments. In this public forum, there are many people observing our virtual behavior.

In our world today, we are not merely who we are in person. We all also have our online version of ourselves. Can we really control this

version of ourselves? Doesn't it almost entirely depend on the interpretations of those encountering you?

If you are thinking that you don't plan on still being on Facebook by the time you "get serious with your life," like many of us think, you have to make sure to realize what the repercussions of today will be on tomorrow. The effects and repercussions of the phenomena of these online networking sites are unknown to us today, but we will soon begin to see how it is radically changing our culture and society.

In fact, there is the buzz around college campuses that various people are being watched and called out on what is found on Facebook, or warned against posting certain things—like athletes, work studies, etc. Some people already know that Facebook can effect a change we don't expect. The majority, however, is still in the high of this new relationship.

The world is watching. Are you sure they see an accurate idea of who you are? Just remember, it is never too soon to think about the repercussions of our virtual actions and revelations.

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Explosion

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Ghalib al-Daami, a provincial council member who oversees security matters, said the bomber detonated his payload about 200 yards from the Imam Abbas shrine, which with the others draws thousands of Shiite pilgrims from Iran and other countries.

That suggested the attack, which occurred two weeks after 47 people were killed and 224 were wounded in a car bombing in the same area on April 14, was aimed at killing as many Shiite worshippers as possible.

Salim Kazim, the head of the health department in Karbala, 50 miles south of Baghdad, said Sunday that 63 people were killed and 169 wounded. The figures were confirmed by Abdul-Al al-Yassiri, the head of Karbala's provincial council.

"I did not expect this explosion because I thought the place was well

protected by the police," said Qassim Hassan, a clothing merchant who was injured by the blast. "I demand a trial for the people in charge of the security in Karbala."

Hassan, who spoke to a reporter from his hospital bed, said his brother and a cousin were still missing.

"I regret that I voted for those traitors who only care about their posts, not the people who voted for them," he said.

The U.S. military has warned that such bombings were intended to provoke retaliatory violence by Shiite militias, whose members have largely complied with political pressure to avoid confrontations with Americans during the U.S. troop buildup.

The radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr launched a strong attack earlier Saturday on President Bush, calling him the "greatest evil" for refusing to withdraw American troops from Iraq.

Al-Sadr's statement was read during a parliament session by his

cousin, Liqaa al-Yassin, after Congress ordered U.S. troops to begin leaving Iraq by Oct. 1. Bush pledged to veto the measure and neither the House nor the Senate had enough votes to override him.

"Here are the Democrats calling you to withdraw or even set a timetable and you are not responding," al-Sadr's statement said. "It is not only them who are calling for this but also Republicans, to whom you belong."

"If you are ignoring your friends and partners, then it is no wonder that you ignore the international and Iraqi points of view," he added.

Al-Sadr led two armed uprisings against U.S. forces in 2004, and his Mahdi militia is believed responsible for much of Iraq's sectarian killing. The U.S. military says he has fled to Iran, although his followers insist he is hiding in Iraq.

Abdul-Al al-Yassiri, the head of the Karbala provincial council, said local authorities had raised fears that militants fleeing the Baghdad

security crackdown were infiltrating their area.

"We have contacted the interior minister and asked them to supply us with equipment that can detect explosives," he said.

Ali Mohammed, 31, who sells prayer beads in the area, said he heard the blast and felt himself hurled into the air.

"The next thing I knew I opened my eyes in the hospital with my legs and chest burned," he said. "This is a disaster. What is the guilt of the children and women killed today by this terrorist attack?"

Crowds stormed the provincial government offices and the governor's house, burning part of it along with three cars and scuffling with guards. Security forces detained several armed protesters, al-Daami said.

Saturday's bombing was the deadliest attack in Iraq since April 18, when 127 people were killed in a car bombing near the Sadrayah market in Baghdad — one of four bombings

that killed a total of 183 people in the bloodiest day since a U.S.-Iraq security operation began in the capital more than 10 weeks ago.

In all, at least 124 people were killed or found dead, including the bodies of 38 people killed execution-style — apparent victims of the so-called sectarian death squads mostly run by Shiite militias.

In Baghdad, a mortar attack killed two people and wounded seven in the Sunni neighborhood of Azamiyah, where the U.S. military recently announced it was building a three-mile long, 12-foot high concrete wall despite protests from residents and Sunni politicians that they were being isolated.

The U.S. military also said Saturday that a suicide truck bomber attacked the home of a city police chief the day before in the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Anbar province, killing nine Iraqi security forces and six civilians.

Police chief Hamid Ibrahim al-Numrawi and his family escaped

injury after Iraqi forces opened fire on the truck before it reached the concrete barrier outside the home in Hit, 85 miles west of Baghdad.

Arbor Day

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his visit to the Tech campus during Arbor Day was his dedication to his significant other.

"My wife wanted the T-shirt," Boden said. "So I made sure I came over here and got the free T-shirt."

Matthew Fisher, a senior industrial engineering major from Houston, said he enjoyed seeing so many Tech students getting their hands in the dirt.

"I think it's great," Fisher said. "The live band out here and then everyone — it's a pretty good turn out."

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Petitions

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tasings, strict law enforcement on the east side of Lubbock and the February incident when eight Chippendale's dancers, their manager and a manager of Jake's Sports Cafe were arrested.

Gonzales said he believes the council members need to make decisions that will help their districts grow economically. He said he remembers a time when the East side was thriving.

"I was born in Lubbock, and I remember on the East side we had coffee shops, we had restaurants, we had hotels, we had a bunch of business," he said. "We don't have anything anymore; we have a bunch of prairie dogs and empty buildings."

Naida Gonzales, a Texas Tech graduate student, said she believes DeLeon and Price often ignore the pleadings and needs of their constituents. She said she has a message for the council members.

"You can vote the way you want, but there may be repercussions," Naida Gonzales said, "Because if you aren't going to listen to your constituents, your constituents can also walk out on you like you walked out on us at the town hall meeting in March."

Price said he believes the reason the group members are petitioning to recall is because of the council members' votes to purchase the South

Beach Club and Lounge building. "People do what they do," Price said. "To me it is a petty thing because it is involving a minority business ... owned by the city."

He said he believes many people do not understand the fact that money was dedicated to certain Lubbock city projects before he was even in office.

"I can't go back and redo what other city council members have done," Price said. "Some of that money should have been dedicated to east Lubbock, but I was not there."

He said he believes all matters needing attention in his district are being addressed and several projects are underway, including the building of homes and parks, the paving of streets and the development of new businesses. He said he urges people to understand he does not do this to make money.

"We're not getting rich," Price said. "You make \$25 a month; people don't understand what they're getting for \$25 a month. I'm spending all my

time and being beat up by the public lots of times."

DeLeon said she will be seeking legal advice because she feels her life was threatened by what the petitioning group members have written about her.

On a flyer the group made that lists the reasons the members feel De-

Leon's position should be recalled, one portion reads: "In 18th Century France, King Louis lost his head because his wife said to the poor when they begged for food, 'Let them eat cake.' Both lost their heads in the ensuing revolution. In these days,

would-be monarchs in our city government may be recalled by the

people when they no longer listen to the voice of the people and betray the principles of representative government."

"I'm going to go after them on Monday," DeLeon said. "I'm an

elected official, so it's gotta be pretty serious."

The group members said they need 6,000 petition signatures to make the recalls valid.

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Antonio Banderas discusses role in 'Shrek the Third'

(U-WIRE) CORAL GABLES, Fla. — He's worn "The Mask of Zorro" and narrated the life of "Evita," but nearly 15 years after redefining the term "crossover" with his transition from Spanish cinema to Hollywood, actor Antonio Banderas is taking on the role of a cat.

But fans awaiting the May 18 release of "Shrek the Third" know Banderas' precocious pussycat is not your typical feline. Reprising his character as Puss In Boots, who was first introduced in the billion-dollar-grossing "Shrek 2," Banderas joins an all-star cast including Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz and Eddie Murphy to tell the latest tale.

This time around, a death in Princess Fiona's (Diaz) family forces Shrek (Myers), her green ogre husband, to leave the land of Far Far Away to find a suitable royal heir while Puss and Donkey (Murphy) hold down the fort.

Banderas said he is fond of his character because it gives him the chance to laugh at himself.

"It's like Puss never had the opportunity to look at himself in the mirror," he said at a press junket at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel on Monday. "He thinks that he's six feet tall. If he looks at himself in the mirror one day, he's going to have a psychological problem."

Footage shot of the actors while they record their vocals actually

influences what audiences see.

"The people who do all the animation ask for [the footage] because they want to imitate our body language," he said. "The first time you go see [the film] in the movie theater you see a cat behaving like yourself. It's freaky."

While watching himself in the "Shrek" films may seem odd to Banderas, his character has been embraced by audiences. That he was asked to play the role in the first place was surprising, he said.

"I arrived at this country 17 years ago without speaking the language," he said. "The fact that they called me just to use my voice is unbelievable."

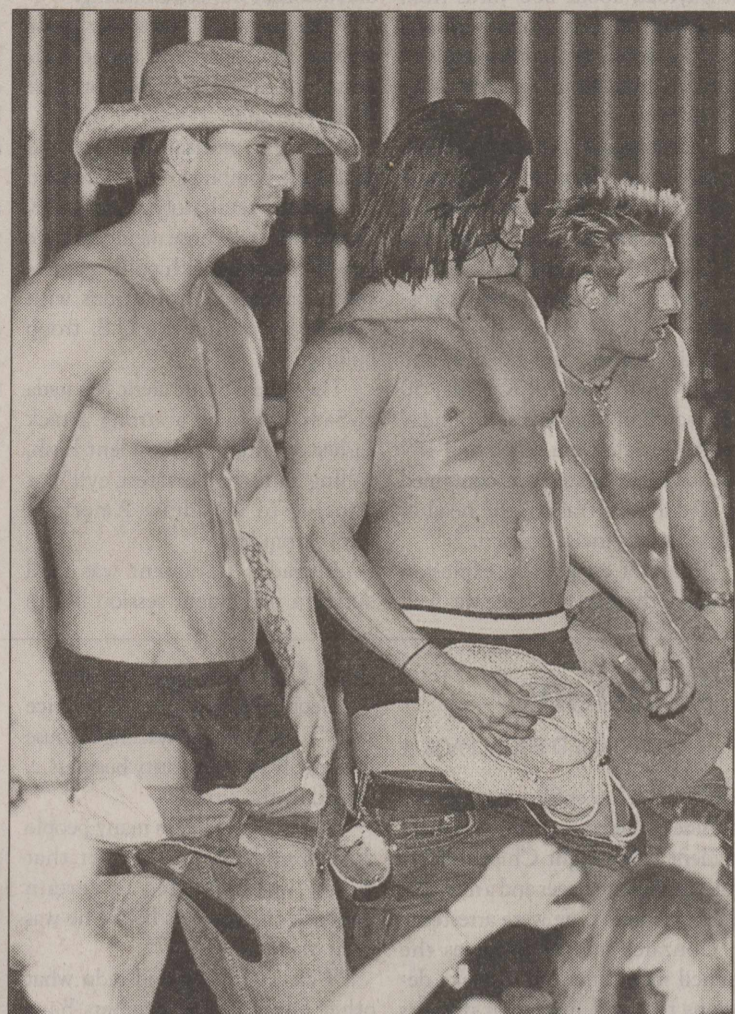
Despite several "Shrek" projects in the works, including two more films and an ABC Christmas special, "Bordertown" with Jennifer Lopez and "Homeland Security" with Meg Ryan, Banderas insists he is not career obsessed.

"I see many actors, whom I respect very much, who are too worried about their [careers]," he said. "They're offered things that they would love to do but can't [because] it would affect the perception people have of them. So they reject [the roles] in order to preserve the career. I always saw that as an act of professional narcissism."

Banderas' point of view is not limited to that of a man solely in front of the camera. His upcoming project "Summer Rain" gave him the chance to employ his vision from the director's chair.

"When you are the director, you have to tell people, 'This is the way I see the world, this is the way I see relationships and events,' and I am not totally caught by realism," he said. "I love the poetic side of movies. It's something that we lost a long, long time ago."

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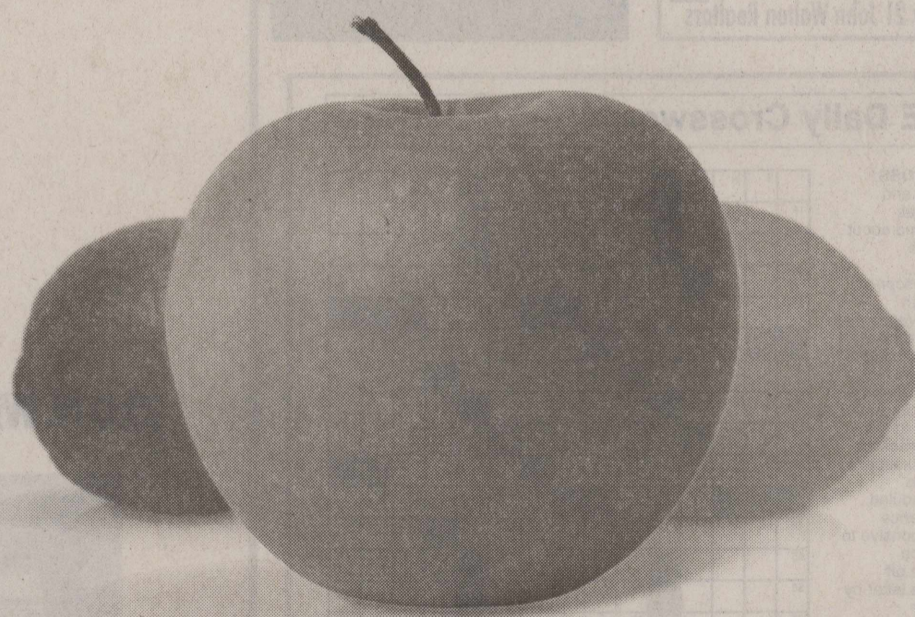
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Trifecta: Three former Tech players selected in 2007 NFL Draft

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Three former Texas Tech football players have found homes in the NFL.

Wideout Joel Filani, offensive lineman Manuel Ramirez and defensive end Keyunta Dawson were chosen in day two of the 2007 NFL Draft Sunday. Ramirez was chosen by the Detroit Lions in the fourth round with the 177th pick overall.

Filani was chosen by the Tennessee Titans in the sixth round — 188th overall pick. Dawson was selected as the 32nd pick (242 overall) by the Indianapolis Colts.

Filani said he feels fortunate to be in the situation he was placed in Sunday.

"Obviously, I'm in a blessed situation, just thanking the Lord everyday," Filani said. "I was actually talking to the Titan organization at the time. When I got the call, I talked

to the head coach and offensive coordinator — it was good to hear their voices."

At 6-foot-3 and 335-pounds, Ramirez was the fifth offensive guard taken. He will join quarterback Drew Stanton from Michigan State and the second overall pick in the NFL Draft, wide receiver Calvin Johnson from Georgia Tech, in Detroit. Filani will join players like safety Michael Griffin from Texas and linebacker Paul Williams from Fresno State. Filani was one of three receivers chosen in the sixth round. Dawson joins first-rounder Anthony Gonzalez from Ohio State and offensive lineman Tony Ugoh from Arkansas.

Dana Holgorsen, offensive coordinator for Tech, said he is proud of the players selected Sunday, adding that he is even more proud of the fact his

former players get a chance to make a living out of the game of football.

"Anytime you have an opportunity to play in the NFL, it's an exciting opportunity," Holgorsen said. "It's an exciting opportunity for both of those guys. They've both had great careers at Tech. They've put themselves in a situation where they have an opportunity to make a career out of playing football. If you can make a career out of playing football, you're doing something right."

Some Tech coaches feel Filani and Ramirez should have been picked higher than they were Sunday, but their goal is not to help the players get into the NFL, but help them play the best way they can.

Holgorsen said he felt Filani is a better player than where he was picked like another former Tech

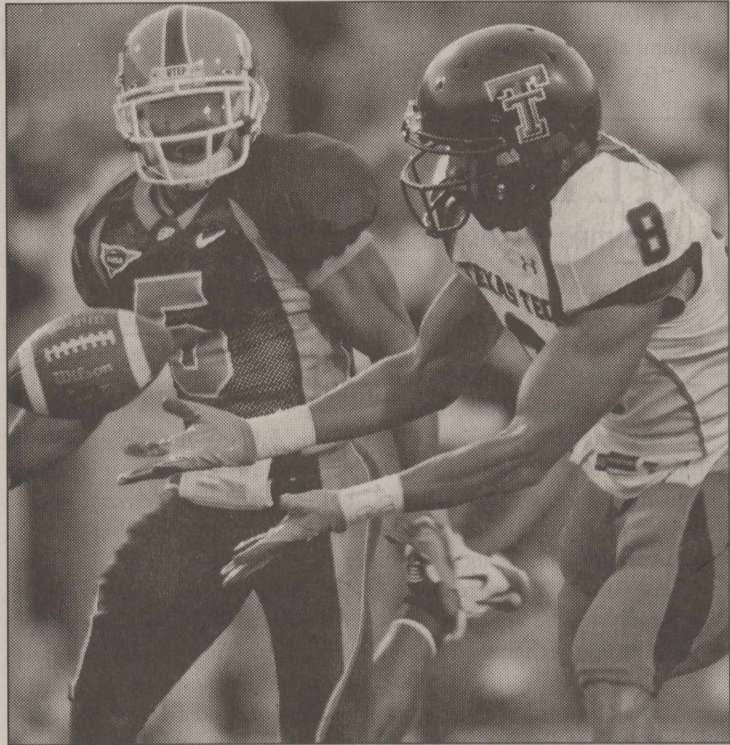
receiver — Wes Welker — who now plays for the New England Patriots.

"We try to get our guys as good as they can possibly be here throughout their career at Tech," Holgorsen said. "I think Joel Filani is better than a sixth-round pick in my opinion because of the production he's done for us over the last four years."

I thought the same thing with Wes Welker, thought he was a better football player than a free agent, but it's not for me to say, it's for those guys to say."

Similar to Holgorsen, Tech coach Mike Leach said Filani is better than

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Renegades earn first franchise win behind Kent

By BEN MAKI
STAFF WRITER

The Lubbock Renegades made several changes with one idea in mind: getting their first win in franchise history.

The biggest roster adjustment, trading quarterback Robert Kent, made one of the biggest impacts in the Renegades' 65-27 win against the Texas Copperheads, from Katy, Saturday at the City Bank Coliseum.

Kent completed 13-of-31 passes for 197 yards, five touchdowns and one interception.

The running game was not utilized by former Renegades quarterback Justin Midgett, but Lubbock coach Rodney Blackshear said Kent's mobility made a difference in the game.

"That's part of his game," Blackshear said. "He understands what's going on. On the field, he knows where the pressure's coming from and he did a good job of tucking the ball."

Kent rushed for 40 yards on six carries and two scores, while the Renegades as a team rushed the ball 10 times for 48 yards and four touchdowns.

Kent said even with the new additions, the team is already a cohesive group.

"We only had three days of practice with the guys and they supported me like no other — the line did great, the receivers caught the ball well," he said. "All they told me was to go out there and help them make plays and that's what I did, and we got the victory today."

After trading touchdowns for much of the first half, Kent con-

nected with newly acquired receiver Chris Highshaw for a 26-yard score at the end of the second quarter to put the Renegades up 19-13.

Highshaw, re-assigned from the Copperheads earlier in the week, had six catches for 123 yards and three touchdowns for the game.

The Renegades opened the second half with a two-play, 45-yard scoring drive culminating in a 41-yard Highshaw touchdown.

Lubbock built its lead to 20 on its ensuing possession and ended the third quarter leading 33-13.

After missed field goals by both teams, Kent fumbled the football on his own 3-yard line, which was then picked up by Texas' Treveco Lucas for the score.

After a Kent rushing touchdown and another Highshaw score, the Copperheads added their final score of the game with an 11-yard touchdown reception by receiver Patrick Norton from Texas quarterback Tony Eckert. After an extra point from Nick Gatto, Lubbock led 46-27.

Lubbock scored three more



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LUBBOCK RENEGADES QUARTERBACK Robert Kent completed 13-of-31 passes for 197 yards, including five touchdowns in the Renegades first win in franchise history.

times in the second half, including a defensive score by former Texas Tech defensive lineman Ken Scott.

The Renegades' defense stopped the Copperheads on nine drives, forced four fumbles, recorded two interceptions and seven sacks, including two by

Scott.

He said Kent's presence in the locker room made the difference for the defense.

"(We) fed off Kent's enthusiasm and he was ready to play," Scott said. "(He was) pumped up in the locker room."

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Bulls sweep defending NBA champions

MIAMI (AP) — The Chicago Bulls swept the defending NBA champion Miami Heat out of the playoffs, winning a postseason series for the first time since the Michael Jordan era.

Ben Gordon scored 24 points, Luol Deng had 22 points and 11 rebounds and Chicago beat Miami 92-79 Sunday in Game 4 to finish off their first-round Eastern Conference series. The Bulls, who will face Detroit in the second round, became the first team to oust a defending champion in the opening playoff series since Phoenix did it to San Antonio in 2000.

The coach of that Suns team? Scott Skiles, who coaches the Bulls now — and who put together a plan that simply befuddled Miami all series long.

"It's an accomplishment,"

Skiles said. "We're in a funny position here. We want to enjoy it. It was great. We played well. We played hard all four games. We deserved to win — but we want to keep playing. ... We know what we're facing now. We want to keep moving on."

Dwyane Wade scored 24 points for Miami on 8-for-22 shooting, and added 10 assists. Shaquille O'Neal had 16 points, Alonzo Mourning scored 14 and James Posey had 18 rebounds — a club-record 17 on the defensive end — for the Heat.

Chicago became the 80th consecutive NBA team to advance after taking a 3-0 lead in a series; only three teams in major pro sports have overcome such a deficit, and the Heat won't be joining the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs, 1975 New York Islanders and 2004 Boston Red Sox in that exclusive club.

NFL Draft

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a sixth-round player, but he is pleased with his former receiver landing in Tennessee.

"I think Filani is under-drafted," Leach said. "I think Tennessee is going to be pleased with him. I think he's going to do a tremendous job. I think Tennessee is a great team for him to go to. Everything I hear about those coaches up there are excellent."

Leach said he believes Filani has more upside than many teams believe.

"The other thing I like about Filani is that I think he's only scratched the surface on how good he can be," Leach said. "If

it were me, I probably would've drafted him the first day. Manny, I'm happy for him, I'm happy he got drafted. We're happy for Manny and wish him the best."

Filani said now that he has been drafted, he looks forward to doing what he loves to do.

"It's time to start playing ball again," Filani said. "I haven't played ball since December — since the bowl game — I've been training and staying in shape and what not. I'm just ready to play football. I'm excited to go out there and compete, and I'm thinking — 'I'm trying to start, I'm trying to play' — that's my mentality going in."

Ramirez and Dawson were unavailable for comment by press time.

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Cardinals reliever Hancock killed in car crash

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Josh Hancock, a key member of the bullpen that helped the St. Louis Cardinals win the World Series last season, was killed in a car crash early Sunday.

Hancock was alone in his 2007 Ford Explorer when he struck the rear of a tow truck at 12:35 a.m. The truck was in the left lane assisting another vehicle that was involved in a prior accident, officer Pete Mutter said.

Hancock was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the tow truck, whose name was not released by police, was in the truck at the time of the crash but was not injured.

The medical examiner's office said Sunday morning that an autopsy had been scheduled. The Cardinals and police were expected to make a statement later in the day at Busch Stadium.

Hancock made his offseason home in St. Louis. He was the only player to attend the premiere of a DVD documenting the Cardinals' unlikely run to their 10th World Series championship after winning only 83 regular-season games.

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With their No. 22 pick becoming a hot commodity, Jones reverted to the riverboat-gambler mode that has long served him well, from his years in the oil business to his early days running the Cowboys. Two trades later, Dallas wound up with pass-rushing linebacker Anthony Spencer of Purdue at No. 26 and next year's first-round pick from Cleveland.

A third trade followed Saturday, recouping one of two middle-round picks lost in the first set of deals.

"It was a lot of fun," Jones said. "What makes it so much fun is the chill and the anxiousness, the anxiety. You know you're taking some risks in there.... To take some risk, and then to have it come back and turn out good for you, that feeling you get there is a high. What makes it so high is that (anxiousness) you got when you were doing it and were waiting to see where you go."

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys didn't need Bill Parcells at this draft. Jerry Jones was back in his element.

Hancock, who pitched three innings of relief in Saturday's 8-1 loss to the Cubs, played for four major league clubs. He went 3-3 with a 4.09 ERA in 62 regular-season appearances for the Cardinals last season and pitched in three postseason games. He was 0-1 with a 3.55 ERA

in eight games this season. Three days before his death, the Cardinals got a scare that some teammates said reminded them of Kile's death — Hancock overslept and showed up late for a day game in St. Louis. Hancock told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch he thought the starting time was later and didn't get up until the "20th call" from anxious teammates.

"We were all a little nervous," closer Jason Istringhausen said earlier this week. "We don't care if you're late. That happens. We want to know that you're OK."

Cowboys trade lands Spencer, Cleveland's No. 1 in '08

The Cowboys were within a minute and a half of turning in Spencer's name for the 22nd pick when the deal with the Browns was finished. By getting him four spots later, that should save them some money at contract time.

That alone is a bonus for Dallas. Yet it's not nearly as exciting as having Cleveland's top pick in 2008. After all, considering how bad the Browns have been in recent years, it could be near the top of the draft.

"Obviously, someone who needs a quarterback is someone you want to talk to about next year's No. 1," Jones said, smiling.

Here's how it broke down: Dallas' No. 22 went to Cleveland for No. 36 this year and a first-round pick in 2008. The Cowboys then turned No. 36, plus their own third- and fifth-rounders, to get No. 26 from Philadelphia, then used it on Spencer.

So when all the moving pieces settled into place, the Cowboys gave up only third- and fifth-round picks this year for the Browns' top choice

next year, while still getting the player they wanted all along.

Cleveland apparently was OK with it, too, because a few hours later the teams struck another deal. Dallas sent its second-round pick, No. 53 overall, and a sixth-rounder for the Browns' third- (No. 67), fourth- and sixth-rounders. The Cowboys took offensive tackle James Marten of Boston College with No. 67.

"This is my first draft with Jerry — and he's a wheeler-dealer!" new coach Wade Phillips said.

Jones spent the last four drafts getting Parcells' input into every pick. With Jones squarely running the show for the first time since 2002, the Cowboys' draft room was interesting from the start.

It began with a long, heated debate over a chance to give up an established player and move into the top five spots, the Cowboys looked up to see Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn slipping. Around the 13th or 14th picks, Dallas got serious about lining up offers from teams wanting to use the 22nd

pick on him.

The Cowboys had Quinn rated among their top 10 players, so they talked about taking him for themselves. Yet they ultimately felt comfortable enough with Tony Romo not to bother creating what would certainly be a difficult situation for Romo, Quinn and Phillips.

"I think the way we feel about Tony and his potential is definitely reflected in the fact we didn't draft Quinn, since we obviously had the chance to," Jones said.

The chance to maximize Quinn's availability was attractive, too.

There were at least two teams Jones was convinced wanted No. 22 for Quinn. Cleveland was the only one offering next year's No. 1. Other teams also said they'd give a 2008 first-rounder, but the other picks offered didn't fit what Dallas needed.

What the Cowboys needed was a high second-rounder, because they were determined to get back into the first-round, preferably within a few picks of where they'd originally been.

Texans bolster defense with young DT Okoye

HOUSTON (AP) — Amobi Okoye is a Houston Texan, bringing the youngest player drafted in the first round since the merger to a team focused on building around a youthful defense.

Houston chose the 19-year-old athletic Louisville defensive tackle with the 10th pick in the draft on Saturday to join last year's No. 1 pick Mario Williams and 2006 Defensive Rookie of the Year DeMeco Ryans.

"He was our top-rated defensive player on the board," Texans general manager Rick Smith said. "For him to be there at the 10th pick was a pleasant surprise for us."

The Texans moved down from No. 8 to 10th and gave up this year's second round pick in the trade that brought quarterback Matt Schaub from Atlanta.

Houston, which was 27th in the NFL in sacks last season, was focused on improving its pass defense. Smith and coach Gary Kubiak feel like Okoye can fill that role.

"It's very hard to find inside players in the National Football League that can rush the passer and this kid can do that," Kubiak said.

The Texans believe Okoye's youth will work to his advantage in the NFL. The 6-foot-1, 300-pound player entered college at 16 and won't turn 20 until June 10.

"You just know that there's an enormous amount of growth potential that he has," Smith said. "He's already a powerful and quick kid, so I think that that's a big advantage and I think he's going to continue to grow and develop. I think we've got ourselves a good football player for a long time."

Okoye insists that being the youngest player at each level of his football career has never been a problem.

"It's always just been me," he said. "I never looked at it like everybody else looked at it. I always looked at it as just this is me, this is my grade, this is what I'm supposed to be doing."

Okoye, who graduated in 3 1/2 years with a degree in psychology, earned unanimous All-Big East Conference first-team honors in 2006 after recording a career-high 58 tackles and eight sacks with three fumbles.

The Texans are hoping the addition will aid the development of Williams, who started every game as a rookie, but failed to show the kind of

dominance fans expected from a No. 1 overall pick as he struggled with plantar fasciitis in his right foot for much of the season. Houston is also counting on continued production from Ryans, the linebacker whose 156 total tackles in 2006 were the most by a rookie in the last 20 years.

"It was a great pick to me," Williams said. "I can use all the help I can get." Williams was so high on Okoye that he even lobbied for Houston to choose him, text messaging defensive line coach Jethro Franklin in the minutes leading up to the pick.

"Whenever we were at like the 9th pick ... I texted him and said his name like three times and they picked him," Williams said. "So that was a good thing."

Okoye said he's also looking forward to playing with Williams.

"It's going to be a fun experience," Okoye said. "I hope he's as excited as I am. I can't wait to go down there and meet the team who I'll be playing with."

Kubiak believes adding Okoye "made the whole defense better" and that it will be especially beneficial to Williams.

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